

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

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THE SHANE GROUP, INC., et al.,)
Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves) Case No. 2:10-cv-14360-DPH-MKM
and all others similarly situated) Hon. Denise Page Hood
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v.)
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BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF)
MICHIGAN,)
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Defendant.)
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**STIPULATED ORDER AUTHORIZING MEDIATION OF VARNUM
GROUP OBJECTION AND MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES**

Whereas, on August 21, 2020, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit remanded the cross appeals related to the Varnum Group's objection to the present settlement and the Court's award of attorney fees and costs to the Varnum Group related to its objection to the previous settlement;

Whereas, the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit expects a "prompt decision" regarding the amount of attorney fees to be awarded to the Varnum Group;

Whereas, Plaintiffs, Defendant, and the Varnum Group believe that mediation may prove fruitful and potentially result in an outcome that moots

further proceedings with regard to the Varnum Group's objection and motion for fees;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiffs, Defendant, and the Varnum Group are hereby authorized to mediate before Paul Calico, Chief Circuit Mediator, U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, on all issues relating to the Varnum Group's objection and motion for fees.

2. Plaintiffs, Defendant, and the Varnum Group are directed to mediate as soon as possible, subject to Mr. Calico's availability. Mediation shall be complete by November 24, 2020.

3. The parties and the members of the Varnum Group shall attend the mediation unless they give full settlement authority to their counsel in this matter.

4. The hearing on issues relating to the Varnum Group's fee motion, currently scheduled for November 13, 2020, shall be continued to December 1, 2020 or as soon thereafter as the Court's calendar permits.

Dated: October 21, 2020

s/Denise Page Hood
United States District Judge

Date: October 19, 2020

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